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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FROM:** MICHAEL McCLANAHAN, TRANSPORTATION MANGER  
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**DATE:** NOVEMBER 6, 2017

**SUBJECT:** SPECIAL LITTER GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

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This memo was written as public notice of a funding announcement for community based 'Special Litter Grant' projects.

**Funding Announcement:**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for \$1.5 million of competitive grant funding for community based special litter projects. Each winning application may be awarded between \$20,000 and \$200,000 in funding, and does not require a local match. Grant recipients will be awarded a two year contract to complete projects. Examples of projects eligible for Special Litter Grant funding include: litter enforcement and tarp law efforts, multi-jurisdictional collaborations, illegal roadside dumpsite cleanups, 'litter free' or recycling public events, projects connecting litter prevention to local water quality, student litter education programs, Adopt-A-Street programs, local efforts incorporating TDOT's new "Nobody Trashes Tennessee" litter prevention campaign and tire collections. Special Litter Grant funding is meant for local litter pickup, prevention education and abatement activities. Landscaping and other similar community beautification efforts will not be funded.

The Department invites any local government, non-profit or community organization to submit an application to the Environmental Division's Highway Beautification Office by Wednesday, January 31, 2018. This opportunity is for a reimbursement grant which requires quarterly invoicing and performance reporting. For additional information and application instructions please view the Special Litter Grant manual on the TDOT Highway Beautification Office webpage at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/topic/environmental-highway-beautification-office>. All other questions should be directed to Environmental Outreach Programs Manager, Mike McClanahan, at the contact information listed below.

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